

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held September 2, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Jake Mellor, Commission Chair
Jae Potter, Commissioner
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Sandy Lehman, Commission Secretary
Jeff Wood, Sheriff
Christian Bryner, Attorney
Rose Barnes, HR
Don Marrelli, Ambulance
Tami Ursenbach, Economic Development

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Mellor welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:34 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Potter reviewed two corrections made to the August 5, 2015 Commission Meeting minutes prior to the meeting. On agenda item #5 change "Partnership of Success" to "Partnership for Success" and on item #7, paragraph 1, line 4 change "where to wells" to "where the wells". Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2015 Work Meeting, Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2015 Work Meeting, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

2) Carbon County Employee of the Month Recognition – Rose Barnes

Rose presented Don Marrelli, Ambulance supervisor as Employee of the Month. Don has been with the County for twenty-six years. Rose gets positive feedback from the Ambulance Department employees all the time. Rose said it is not an easy job; Don does a great job and deserves a huge thank you. He has been the supervisor for seventeen years.

Commissioner Hopes said Don is one of the County's great employees. Don loves his job, is very good at it and is very knowledgeable. The Commissioners thanked Don for his service to the County.

3) General update on the County Seat TV Program – Chadwick Booth

Chad Booth from the TV program, County Seat, said this is their sixth season. He thanked the Commission for their support. They now have 59,000 viewers over 30,000 households which has doubled in two years. He explained who is watching the program and how they are expanding. He would like to do a half hour episode focused on coal. Because of increased expenses and growth there will be a 10% increase in fees.

The program "At your Leisure" has outpaced other outdoor programs. It has 160,000 viewers a week and in one quarter they will reach 300,000 homes in Utah and the surrounding areas. He feels that their success is due to how their content is presented. They show people what a destination looks like, puts the viewer in the activities available and lets them imagine themselves there.

Chad asked for information on what should be in a coal show. He would like footage covering a coal mine in operation, dispelling myths of coal energy, what the future of coal is and what the reality is, how much energy is still driven by coal, the cost of conversion to other energy sources and the impact it will have on the availability of affordable energy in the communities.

Commissioner Hopes has contact information for Skyline and Sufco mines. Commissioner Mellor said he just toured Dugout Mine.

The discussion continued concerning emission controls, improved technologies and advancements, Federal emission control and not being allowed to use new technologies, utility rates, the clean air in Eastern Utah where the power plants are versus the Wasatch Front, building wind mills using steel produced with coal and what would happen if everyone who receives coal produced electricity were disconnected.

Chad would like the support of the Commission on this project and would like to have access to the mine companies in order to get the correct information out. He asked that the Commissioners keep in touch and appreciate the information discussed.

4) Growth of Hospital and Services Update – Mark Holyoak

Mark Holyoak, director of Castleview Hospital, said that due to health care reform and Federal regulations, medical costs are continuing to increase. Life Point Hospitals is the parent company of Castleview Hospital and they have faith in the community. They are here long term and are expanding in order to offer more services. In the last eighteen months Life Point will have invested over fifteen million dollars of corporate funds into Castleview Hospital.

The hospital is currently adding 8,000 square feet of new construction including a new ICU Department with private rooms, a new Emergency Department with more beds and private rooms and a new pharmacy.

An open house for the entire community is scheduled for September 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A VIP tour will be held earlier in the day and Mark invited the Commissioners to attend. Invitations are being sent out.

During Phase II of the construction project, the existing ER, ICU and pharmacy areas will be renovated into a cardio pulmonary and respiratory therapy area, an imaging department and a new lab which will be closer to the patient check-in area right in the front of the hospital.

The Hospital is also building a new Urgent Care facility at 100 N. 300 E. in Price. This will include demolishing seven existing structures. The permits are ready for the demolition and construction will begin in the spring with occupation in the fall of 2016. The area is large enough for future construction of a satellite physical therapy structure, drive up pharmacy, physician's clinic space and chemotherapy department expansion.

Mark discussed physician recruitment and the importance of recruiting physicians with ties to the area. He explained what a hospitalist is and how they can help admit people to the hospital. Both Dr. Paul and David Thayne will be hospitalists. This is something new to the community. Dr. Dan Garvin will be coming in 2016 as a new pediatrician.

Commissioner Potter thanked Mark for coming and appreciates how much the community has benefited under his direction.

5) Consideration and possible approval of a Federal Aviation Administration grant offer for Carbon County Airport Master Plan

Christian has reviewed the FAA grant and approves. Commissioner Potter said the FAA requires that the airport have a master plan and have the master plan updated periodically. It is now time for our airport to have such a study done. The available grant money is for \$300,000. We have requested the proposals and followed the FAA guidelines. The master plan includes taking a look at the facility, future needs and growth of the community, operations under contract and recommendations for the contract and what services are necessary. There is also a minimum set of standards required by the FAA in regards to services required for this size of airport. Last year's grant for resurfacing the runways is just being completed.

The project is estimated at \$300,000, the FAA pays 90% of the funding, Utah Department of Transportation picks up 5% and the County picks up 5%. The estimated cost to the County is \$14,000 for next year's budget. We receive significant amount of funding based on a minor amount of accounting. We have entered into an agreement with Jvation to do this work.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to accept the Federal Aviation Administration grant. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Consideration and possible approval of a Letter of Intent from Azure Midstream, setting forth general terms by which Azure will act as the preferred partner with Carbon and Duchesne Counties in developing a waxy crude oil pipeline and a Confidentiality Agreement in regards to the pipeline project.**

Commissioner Potter said Terry Jackson is being connected by phone to discuss the process of selecting a preferred partner. We have entered into an MOU with Duchesne County to look at building an oil pipeline into Carbon County. Currently we have three load out terminals that are transporting oil brought in by truck. We need a partner who is in the pipeline business of operation and construction related to waxy crude oils. We have the infrastructure and transportation system in place and the Uintah Basin has the oil.

Terry was brought into the meeting by speaker phone; he was introduced and asked to explain the process of choosing a preferred partner and the letter of intent in accepting Azure Midstream as a preferred partner for this project.

Terry is the vice president of the investment banking division for the Bank of Montreal. He is working with Carbon and Duchesne Counties concerning the development of a waxy crude oil pipeline in the Uintah Basin to Carbon County. They have conducted research to understand the objectives of the counties. They have identified prospective partners for this project by looking at their interest and qualifications.

Of the partners identified, Azure Midstream was identified as the preferred partner. Their experience was reviewed and they are already familiar with the Basin and own and operate the Wildcat Terminal. They have the resources to do this type of project and have completed similar projects. They have done their own research and understand the viability of the project and the dynamics of marketing crude oil to refineries and others.

Terry said Azure has presented their staging proposal which includes the steps they believe are needed in order to complete the project. Right now the development will take six months. They have completed an engineering design study and will continue to move forward. They will look at the viability of the project, meet with the producers and continue to work on potential routes. They will do more detailed scoping and then finalize and execute.

Commissioner Potter said as they move forward and the project is found to be viable then there will be permitting and construction. This is a great opportunity for growth within the County.

Terry said the project is filled with great opportunity for both counties and for the partnership. Azure is taking the lead because they are the experts in this area. They are very engaged with the counties involved to make this project successful.

Commissioner Potter said as they go through the gated process Azure will be using their own money up front to figure out if this is a feasible project. If they did not believe in this type of project they would not be spending their own money.

Commissioner Potter said along with this MOU, we have entered into an agreement with BMO to be an advisor. He asked Christian if there is any discussion needed concerning the letter of intent and the letter of confidentiality.

Christian has reviewed the letter of intent which sets up the time period on when Azure would be reaching each stage of the project development. It is fairly open ended but it assumes that the parties will work together and the County will provide information as needed. The confidentiality agreement provides that proprietary information will not be disclosed. State GRAMA overrides this to the extent that there is material that is not protected and would have to be disclosed. The confidentiality agreement allows us to proceed in a manner that all parties are secured in sharing what information needs to be shared in order to complete the project. He is satisfied with both of these from a legal standing.

Commissioner Potter said the partners have been reviewed and the process of where the oil has to come from and too, has been considered. This is not a quick grab; the viability of the pipeline is to keep the pipeline full regardless of whose oil it is on the receiving end. There may be other potential partners for this project, and the County will participate in regards to right of ways and perhaps infrastructure type programs.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to move forward with the letter of intent and the confidentiality agreement in regards to the Azure Midstream proposal. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

7) Approval for CPIP Grant Application – Jeff Wood, Whitney Waterfall

Sheriff Jeff Wood said the CPIP grant is part of the justice reinvestment issue that the legislators passed this year and starts October 1. The Justice Reinvestment Initiative requires that every jail has a screening tool in place to screen for recidivism. This is an underfunded bill and every jail in the State will not meet this requirement. This grant is available and counties who do not apply for it will be penalized. Carbon County books into jail approximately 1800 people each year. The Justice Reinvestment Initiative requires everyone who is booked be assessed. The State thinks this can be accomplished with a part time person at 20 hours a week. This is not possible. The Sheriff's office has prepared this grant application using real numbers instead of the established formula.

The Sheriff's Association came up with a plan that they presented to the CCJJ and are in the process of negotiating. However, this grant is due on Friday. The other Sheriff's in the State have agreed to put in grant requests with real numbers. An assessment comparable to what is outlined in the Initiative would require five full time civilian screeners. The CCJJ formula is based on a factory style setting which doesn't work for how people are arrested, which occurs around the clock.

The Sheriffs Association plan would combine counties by districts within the court system. We fall under the 7th District Court and are partnered with San Juan, Emery and Grand Counties. This option would work by hiring five full time screeners and running the assessments by video to the other counties, out of the Carbon County jail since more people are booked into the Carbon County jail then the other counties. Sheriff Wood is asking for permission to submit the grant and then the details can be worked out later.

A civilian screener is necessary so that the inmate will be honest and not be intimidated by someone in a uniform. Sheriff Wood has reached out to Sheriff Funk in Emery County and with other counties to see if they will agree with the Sheriff's Association direction and it appears that it will work for everyone. The Sheriff's Association concept will cost about 3.8 million, the Initiative's formula will cost 6 million by the time you get every jail staffed with screeners.

Commissioner Mellor said it is forward thinking for Sheriff Wood to ask for permission and submit the grant with real numbers. It will be good for them to see across the board the true costs.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the CPIP grant application, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

8) Review and Approval of Departmental Reports

9) Possible closed session pursuant to U.C.A. §52-4-2015

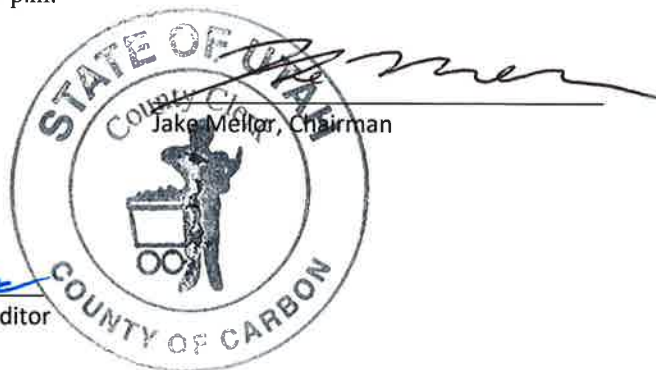
Commissioner Hopes made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the character, confidence of an individual and to discuss security issues. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to leave the closed session and adjourn, Commission Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor



Jake Mellor, Chairman